



Steven H. Krasnow, M.D., Chief of Oncology  
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Cancer, it's a six-letter diagnosis that knocks the toughest of patients into a state of shock and panic. For the past 37 years, Veterans with cancer have been coming to Dr. Krasnow's office bringing with them their overwhelming emotions and hundreds of questions.

For Steven H. Krasnow, M.D., Chief of Oncology at the Washington DC Veterans Affairs Medical Center, it has been his life's work to sit down with the newly diagnosed, the recently relapsed or the ongoing cancer fighters to discuss a plan of action. After the initial diagnosis, part of Dr. Krasnow's job is to make sure Veterans understand their options, treatments and prognosis.

Dr. Krasnow says he enjoys working with the patients and attending to their special needs; and it shows. In patient satisfaction surveys, Veterans continually give high praise to Oncology Service. One of his patients recently commented: "Everything was happening so fast, I was overwhelmed. I needed someone to help me make sense of it all and help me decide what to do next."

In a medical specialty where time is of the essence, a good oncologist must have keen analytical and problem solving skills as well as the ability to communicate and address the Veteran's issues.

"We are here for them and we are continually working to improve the Cancer Program so we can best serve their needs," said Dr. Krasnow.

He says he also enjoys the academic atmosphere at the VA medical center as well as the ability to conduct research and teach the next generation of doctors. "Research and teaching will ultimately benefit our Veterans as well as rest of the population for years to come," he said.

Dr. Krasnow is board certified in Internal Medicine, Hematology and Medical Oncology. He says he chose Oncology because the field has led the way in molecular biology which will provide the most cutting-edge treatments for our medical problems.